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REMARKS

Responsive to the Telephonic Conference with the Examiner on November 16, 2004, the Applicants submit the following remarks for the Examiner's consideration. After entry of this Amended Response, Claims 1-3, 5, 9-22, 24, 28-30, and 51-60 are pending in the present application, with Claims 1 and 16 being independent. Consideration of the present application is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

Amendment to the Specification

The Applicant has amended a paragraph on page 5, lines 3-14; page 7, line 26 to page 8, line 9; page 11, lines 7-16; and page 19, lines 9-21 in the detailed description section of the specification. No new matter has been added.

Amendment to the Claims

The Applicant has amended Claims 1, 5, 16, and 24. The Applicant has cancelled Claims 4, 6-8, 23, and 25-27 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Applicant Summary of Telephonic Conference of November 16, 2004

The Applicant and the undersigned thank the Examiner for his time and consideration during the telephonic conference of November 16, 2004. During the telephonic conference, a proposed amendment to the claims and specification was discussed. Specifically, the Examiner agreed to the Applicant's removal of the instances of the language of "without requiring an inverter or a converter circuit" from the specification and the claims. Furthermore, the Examiner proposed that incorporating the recitations of dependent Claims 7 and 8 into independent Claim 1 and the recitations of dependent Claims 26 and 27 into dependent Claim 16 would place the application in condition for allowance.

In an effort to expedite the prosecution of this application and to obtain an early issuance of a Notice of Allowance, the Applicant has complied with the Examiner's proposal and has amended the claims as shown above. The Applicant submits the claim amendments presented by this paper without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited by the original claim

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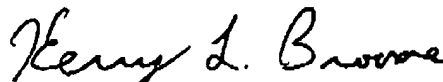
set. Contrary to the position adopted by the Examiner, the Applicant remains of the belief that the subject matter of the original claim set is patentable over the cited prior art references. Consequently, the Applicant reserves the right to file a continuation application to pursue the subject matter of the original claim set. If the Examiner has any questions regarding these amendments, he is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone.

CONCLUSION

The Applicant and the undersigned thank Examiner Mohandesi for consideration of these amendments. The Applicant submits that this Amendment places the application in condition for allowance and respectfully request such action.

If any issues still exist, please contact the undersigned at 404.572.4647.

Respectfully submitted,



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